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## Ryukyus, Taiwan Are Featured

### Technical University Airmails From Chile

Chile has released the airmails of a commemorative set which pays tribute to the 25th anniversary of founding of the "Universidad Tecnica Federico Santa Maria." These are a 20 Pesos green showing a gear-train, in which the center of each gear has a technical symbol such as electricity, mathematics, chemistry and aerodynamics.



Also a 100P cobalt with a birds-eye view of the university buildings. The school is located in Valparaiso.

Guillermo Preuss, Casilla 3794, Santiago, Chile advises that there were one million of the 20P and 700,000 of the 100P.

### Dr. William Stericker Heads Havertown Club

Dr. William Stericker was recently elected to the president's chair of the Havertown, Pa. Stamp Club. Filling the other posts in the official family are vice president Mirko L. Vondra; treasurer Raymond E. Green; secretary George P. Allin, 33 Hastings Ave., Havertown, Pa.

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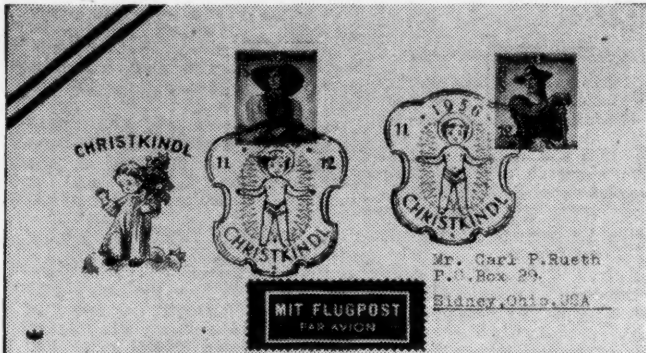
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**RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS POSTMARK.** Each year in recent times the Austrian Postal Administration has prepared a special cancellation for use at a temporary post office established in the small community of Christkindl, Austria. The name means "Christchild." The 1956 version is to be seen on this cover sent by Joachim Dill of Bad Neustadt, Germany.

## A Totally Destroyed Postal Service Rebuilt In Ryukyus By United States In 1945-46

Ivan C. Hoyer

Six months prior to the actual invasion of the Ryukyu Islands on April 1, 1945 operations were undertaken by the U. S. Navy and Army Air Force aimed at disrupting the organized government and destroying its facilities, which included the systems of communication. The postal service, a direct agency of the Japanese Prefectural Government of the Ryukyus, suffered extensively in the initial pre-invasion "softening up" actions.

By October 1944 naval and air bombardment, especially of Okinawa, the largest and most important island of the Ryukyus, was greatly intensified. The only first class post office in the archipelago was located in Naha, the center of the prefectural government, and the largest city in the islands, having a population of 65,000. Here the main post office buildings were destroyed, along with the central sorting and distribution facilities for other post offices in Okinawa.

Weeks before the actual invasion took place the air and naval activities succeeded in interrupting the operations of the prefectural government as the high Japanese officials began to return to Japan to avoid the increasingly severe bom-

bardments, and the prospect of the forthcoming invasion. Thus the government, including the postal service, was left stranded without adequate supervision.

Mail service between Japan and the Ryukyus soon became difficult. Almost all mail was carried by water from Naha to Japan over regular shipping routes, and the U. S. Navy curtailed service by destroying the shipping and making the routes of communication unsafe for travel.

The combined U. S. Army and Navy task force completed the work of destroying the postal service on Okinawa, the hardest hit of all the islands of the Ryukyus in (Continued on page 12)

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IRSACS has been greatly assisted in its efforts by James Negus of London who is now preparing a reference collection which IRSACS will submit to the Royal Philatelic Society next year. Due to Mr. Negus' efforts, collectors throughout the British Empire have taken a great interest in this little known area.

The Society completed three pieces of original research in 1956 by publishing checklists of the aerogrammes and revenue stamps of Taiwan and of the known forgeries of the postmaster's overprints of the Yaeyama issues of the Ryukyus.

In order to devote more of its time to research, IRSACS abolished all remaining offices of the Honorary Secretaries and turned over the job of supplying new and current issues of the Ryukyus and Taiwan to the Homestead Stamp Co. of New York.

In January 1957 IRSACS will repeat the special issue of its Bulletin which is designed for general, free distribution. This issue contains information on the Society and several pages of the Service Circular which lists stamps, postcards, and other material from the Ryukyus, Taiwan, and the Far East which its members are offering for sale. Copies of this Bulletin are sent on receipt of 10c for postage.

The CHECKLIST OF THE STAMPS AND COINS OF THE RYUKYU ISLANDS is available at \$2.50 which includes a copy of the 1955 Linn's special issue on the Ryukyus-Taiwan.

In addition, Volumes I to III of the IRSACS Bulletin are now available at \$4 per volume. Purchase of any one of these volumes will entitle the buyer to a free subscription in 1957.

IRSACS will be glad to hear from

interested specialists. They may request that their names be placed on the free mailing list so that they will be notified of new issues, publications, etc.

The Service Department of the Society is open to non-members who purchase \$1 in script. This script can be used to make purchases from the Service Circular.

The Service Department is anxious to secure supplies of Ryukyus and Taiwan stamps, coins, revenue stamps, etc. and will be glad to hear from anyone who has such material for sale.

The excellence of the articles in the special Ryukyus-Taiwan issues of Linn's in the past has encouraged many new specialists to enter the field. In addition to Messrs. Alexander and Kanda, who contributed to last year's issue, IRSACS is proud to present James Negus of the staff of the Stamp Lover of London; Belmont Faries, News Staff Editor, and Stamp and Coin Editor of the Washington Star; Ivan C. Hoyer, formerly of the Okinawa Gunto Military Government; W. J. Marsh of the Staff of the China Clipper; D. G. Schnabel, Jr. Far East specialist.

### UN Police Force Mail Cancellations

E. R. Dustin of Chicago advises that Norwegian troops in the Suez Canal area as members of the United Nations police force are having their mail cancelled "United Nations Emergency Force".

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## Republic of China Recent Postal History

D. G. Schnabel, Jr.

Continuing the listings from the July 25, 1955 issue of Linn's Weekly Stamp News, the following stamps, postal stationery, etc. have been issued by the Republic of China on Taiwan (Formosa) post office since that date:

A special cancellation, dated March 30, 1955 was applied on mail carried by the lorcha "Free China" which successfully crossed the Pacific from Keelung to San Francisco in good time.

On August 1, 1955 a 10c/80c and a 10c/\$1.50 of the Koxinga series for the new rate on newspapers were issued.

On September 3, 1955, "Armed Forces Day" was marked with 40c (10,000,000); \$2 (400,000); and \$7 (600,000) stamps. 10,000 souvenir sheets containing each of the three values were issued.

On September 16, 1955 the 40c, 50c and 60c Koxinga were surcharged 20c for use on postcards. On October 25-31, a special cancellation was used to mark the Xth All-Taiwan Athletic Meet.

On October 14, the UN set of 40c, \$2, and \$7 was issued. A souvenir sheet was planned, but was later dropped.

On October 22, the 40c, \$2, and \$7 Presidential birthday issue came out along with a souvenir sheet of three values. This issue was printed by the Japan Ministry of Finance.

On October 25, the Xth anniversary of the return of Taiwan was marked with a special cancellation featuring the achievements of the government.

On November 1, a \$4.50 aerogramme was released. On December 1 the \$1.50 aerogramme of the same series appeared.

On November 14, postal matter in Taipei was stamped with a "Safety First" slogan.

On February 1, 1956, a special cancellation was used to mark the inauguration of Diesel Express train service in Taiwan.

On February 10, 1956 the 20c green surcharge on the DPP, Asia print, unit stamp was issued.

On March 20, the 40c, \$1, \$1.60 and \$2 "Post Office Anniversary" set was issued. The \$2 was printed on gold and silver souvenir sheets, 50,000 each.

On March 29 a special cancellation was used to mark the 13th anniversary of Huang Hua Kang which is also Youth Day.

On April 1 came a special cancellation to mark ARBOR DAY. On April 4 a "Children's Day" set of 40c, \$1.60 and \$2 values was released.

On April 25, 1956, the 3c surcharge on the ERPP unit stamp, both Tatung and Asia prints, appeared.

May 30 was the first day of 40c, \$2, \$8 values issued to mark the 75th Anniversary of the Chinese National Railways.

A \$5 aerogramme was issued on July 5, while the \$1 and \$1.50 of the series had their first days on August 1.

A special cancellation was applied on July 7 to mark the 34th Anniversary of International Co-operation.

Postage due stamps were issued on September 1 in denominations of 20c, 40c, 80c, and \$1.

From October 25 to November 3, a special cancellation was used to mark the All-Taiwan Boy Scout Jamboree.

On October 31 the 70th Birthday of President Chiang Kai-shek was marked with 20c orange, 40c red, \$1 blue, \$1.60 violet, \$2 brown, and \$8 blue green stamps. These were printed by the photogravure process by Harrison and Sons, Ltd. of London. The first day cancellation was a rectangle featuring the classic characters WAN SHOU WU CHIANG.

In connection with the 70th Birthday set the Directorate General of Posts of the Ministry of Communi-

cations outdid itself in issuing special FDC envelopes.

A set of six 4" x 8 1/2" envelopes was produced. Those for ordinary mail were white with colored designs at the left while those for airmail were similar except for the blue airmail paper and a border consisting of red shou (longevity) characters and blue bars.

Each envelope bore the legend "Celebrating President Chiang's 70th Birthday" across the left top corner in red classical characters. Below the design were characters reading "31st of October, 45th year of the Chinese Republic" in red, and "Issued by the Directorate General of Posts of the Ministry of Communications" in blue.

Describing the six designs in chronological order, the first shows a three-quarter face portrait of President Chiang.

The second has the tower and gate of the city wall at Wu-ling, Chekiang Province, the native village of the President.

On the third President Chiang is seen reviewing the cadets at Huang-pu Military Academy, circa 1920.

The fourth pictures President Chiang leading the Northern Expedition for the unification of China in the mid-twenties.

President Chiang is depicted standing in a jeep during the V-J Day parade in Chungking, on the fifth.

The sixth President Chiang's resumption of the Presidential Office in the early '50s. This event was marked by a stamp issue in 1952, the second anniversary.

The envelopes were lithographed in color except the ordinary ones for numbers 1, 2, 3, and 6 which were done by recessed printing. Their reverse all bore the usual stylized character for POSTS in red on the flap.

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## Ryukyu Islands Stamps To Date

H. Kamda

Continuing with the listings of Ryukyus postal issues given in the July 25, 1955 issue of Linn's Weekly Stamp News, a seal for use on cash remittance envelopes was issued February 1, 1955. This small seal was soon replaced by a larger one. Both of these are light green.

On September 10, 1955, the 15 yen aerogramme was issued. The design is basically the same as the former 12 yen.

On November 26, 1955, the Noguni Soken stamp was issued to mark the 350th anniversary of the introduction of the sweet potato plant to the Ryukyus. This plant was first discovered in America by Columbus.

On December 1, 1955, a New Year 2y postcard was issued. The red design featured branches of the pine tree, may blossom and the bamboo. 400,000 cards were quickly sold out.

On February 18, 1956, "Arbor Week" was again marked by a green 4 yen featuring stylized trees.

May 1, 1956 saw the release of the "Dancer" series consisting of 5, 8, and 14 yen values. These were to fit new postal rates and were a part of the Ryukyuan Culture Series.

About this period, the Japan print of the 2 yen single postal card was reported in use. The design is 2 millimeters smaller and the color is blue green instead of the regular yellow green.

On June 8, 1956, the "Dial Telephone" stamp was issued to mark the introduction of the automatic telephone system in the Ryukyus.

On July 1, 1956, the Ryukyus post office issued 5 yen postal reply coupons which were valid for the exchange of postage stamps only in Japan. Similar coupons issued in Japan were valid only for exchanging stamps in the Ryukyus.

On December 1 of this year there came a 2 yen stamp and a 2 yen postcard to mark "New Year's Day." The stamp featured pine boughs and May blossoms arranged on a bamboo circle. 600,000 of these were printed in natural colors.

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**COLORFUL NEW YEAR STAMP.** On December 1 the Ryukyu Islands Postal Administration issued a multi-colored 2 yen stamp for use with the mailing of New Year greetings. On an indigo background is a "Bingata", a floral wreath in red, green, yellow and white. The cachet in red at the bottom of the card is a line drawing reproduction of such a wreath and was used only on first day covers. The card has a value of 2 yen. The imprinted stamp in the upper left corner consists of a central yellow ball, and wording in red. Com. George L. Machado, USN, sent this from the Ryukyus.

**Taiwan Agency Service At Face**

The Post Office Department of the Chinese government on Taiwan (Formosa) has gone all out in the development of its Philatelic Agency. In addition to the Agency in the department itself, it maintains a Philatelic Desk at the central p.o. in Taipei and at other first class post offices. It also provides special mobile offices for use at athletic meets, exhibitions, special gatherings, and the like. In most cases, special cancellations are used.

The Agency issues a Philatelic Bulletin on all new issues of stamps and aerogramme in addition to supplying a list of stamps and miniature sheets currently in stock. Inquiries are welcomed, the postage being paid on those and orders.

All messages should be addressed to the Philatelic Agency, the Directorate General of Posts, Republic of China, Taipei City, Formosa.

The best way to send simple inquiries is by the 10c aerogramme, since airmail costs 25c per half ounce minimum. These take about two weeks. Regular first class mail goes by sea and takes about a month to get there and another month to get back.

Taiwan is located in a very humid zone, so the stamps are issued without gum. Collectors sending gummed stamps to that area must see that they are well wrapped in wax paper to prevent the gum from sticking.

The Agency apparently has no difficulty in handling correspondence in English and is fairly quick and efficient in taking care of orders. It has requested collectors not to direct purely philatelic questions to it, as it is not equipped to take care of such inquiries.

There is no international money order service between the U.S. and Taiwan. But the Agency will accept U.S. currency banknotes, traveler's checks, bank drafts, or international reply coupons. It will accept deposit accounts. The U.S. dollar is worth \$24.68 Taiwan dollars. Coupons are valued at \$2 Chinese.

The Catalogue of Philatelic Postage Stamps issued by the Agency in 1955, which is presumably still current, lists the Peiping Scenic, Flying Geese, Silver Overprints, Unit issues, and all the 1955 commemorative stamps and souvenir sheets for sale at face value.

In order to provide a greater convenience for large and small buyers, the Philatelic Agency has appointed the Bank of China, 40 Wall St., New York, N. Y. its sales outlet. Collectors are urged to write for a list of stamps and souvenir sheets currently available at this office.

**DELAY OF JAPANESE CHRISTMAS SEALS**

On page six of the December 3, 1956 edition of Linn's was a news item to the effect that copies of the Japanese Christmas Seals in sheet and souvenir sheet form would be available from Capt. Lloyd C. Atchley of Walker AFB, N.M. Capt. Atchley had been stationed in Japan for a couple of years and had assisted the Tuberculosis Assn. there in the distribution of their seals to collectors in the United States at no profit to himself.

He had gotten word that supplies of this year's issue had been mailed to him by surface mail from Japan on November 10. To date they have not arrived. This brings on a delay in the delivery to those readers who had requested and sent payment for copies to him.

Capt. Atchley asks that such persons be patient. He can't answer their inquiries but will definitely get the seals in the mail as soon as they are received by him.

ing all buyers to purchase, in minimum quantities, new issues at 30% below face value. The Bank will accept personal checks if drawn on a New York Bank. Otherwise, the

usual forms of remittance must be used.

Persons who have dealt through this sales outlet have found it generally satisfactory except for some slowness in getting their orders filled as the outlet seems to be caught short and has to secure supplies from Taiwan by slow boat.

In view of the low cost and limited issues of the Chinese post office in Taiwan, dealers and others have been picking up these issues as they come out and holding them. The cost of many is so low that the cost of an entire wholesale lot can be paid back by the discovery of a single error. Recent issues have not gone up much, but the early overprints on the unvalued flying geese issues are now exceedingly scarce.

In connection with First Day Covers, the Philatelic Agency not only services them as usual, but also issues its own envelope so that

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**JANUARY 1957 SERVICE CIRCULAR**

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1. Use Key number 548. This Service Circular supersedes all previous circulars.
  2. IRSACS reserves the right to withdraw any or all offers without notice. Prices are based on current market.
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- WANTED: ALL ISSUES OF RYUKYU STAMPS, MINT OR USED, COVERS, ETC.**
- RYUKYU FIRST DAY COVERS**
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| 131-1948, OKI-US 1st flight FAM-28 BO. | 173-1955, PC-29 FDC & mint          | BL    |
| 132-1951, 3y Arbor Week                | 174-1956, PC-25-6, (Jap. Fr.)       | BL    |
| 133-1951, 3y University                | FDC & mint                          | B.OS  |
| 134-1951, 13, 1st 30y Airmails         | 175-1956, PC-30 NEW YEAR            | B.OS  |
| 135-1952, 3y Government                | FDC & mint                          | B.DO  |
| 136-1952, 1, 2, 3y Historical Sites    | RYUKYU MISCELLANEOUS                | BL    |
| 137-1952, 6 & 10y Historical           | 176-Packet 15 diff. mint/used       | BL    |
| 138-1953, 30 & 50y Historical          | 177-Revenues, 1, 3, 5y mint         | B.OS  |
| 139-1953, 100y Historical              | 178-1952-3-4-5-6 TB box 4, perf.    | BU    |
| 140-1953, 3 & 6y Perry                 | 179-1953, 55, 56 TB box 4, imperf.  | BE    |
| 141-1953, 4y Newspaper                 | 180-1952, 32pp CHECKLIST            | BU.OS |
| 142-1954, Naha-Tko-US 1st flight       | 181-1954-5-6 IRSACS BULLETINS       | BA    |
| 143-1954, Naha-Tko; return flight      | TAIWAN FIRST DAY COVERS             | B.OS  |
| 144-1955, Naha-HK; return flight       | 182-1955, UN 40c stamp              | B.OS  |
| 145-1955, 40y Airmail                  | 183-1955, Dr. Sun 40c stamp         | B.OS  |
| 146-1954, 50y Airmail                  | 184-1956, 75th RR 40c stamp         | B.OS  |
| 147-1954, 4y Newspaper                 | 185-1956, 65th PO 40c stamp         | B.OS  |
| 148-1955, 15y lacquer                  | 186-1956, Child Day PO 40c stamp    | B.OS  |
| 149-1955, 15 & 20y ditto               | TAIWAN POSTAL STATIONERY            | B.OS  |
| 150-1955, 15 & 20y ditto               | 187-20c Kox Military card           | B.OS  |
| 151-1955, 4y Sweet Potato              | 188-20c Chiang, single used         | B.OS  |
| 152-1956, 5y Dancer                    | 189-80c Chiang, single mint         | B.DO  |
| 153-1956, 8y Dancer                    | 190-80c Chiang, double mint         | BL.OS |
| 154-1956, 14y Dancer                   | 191-20c Chiang, Travel card         | B.OS  |
| 155-1956, 5, 8 & 14y ditto             | 192-20c Chiang, ditto FDC           | B.DO  |
| 156-1956, 4y Arbor Week                | 193-20c Castle, vert./horiz. mint   | B.NS  |
| 157-1956, 4y Dialphone                 | 194-80c Castle, double, mint        | B.OS  |
| 158-1956, 2y New Year                  | 195-51, 1 1/2, 5, Aerogrammes, mint | BL    |
- RYUKYU COMMEMORATIVE CANCELLATIONS**
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| 159-1952, 3y Ernie Pyle             | 196-1955, 34th Inter. Co-op.        | B.OS |
| 160-1953, 3y Dedication Naha PO     | 197-1955, 10th Taiwan Ann.          | B.OS |
| 161-1953, 3y Money Order Naha PO    | 198-1955, 10th Taiwan Athletic Meet | B.OS |
| 162-1953, 3y Money Order Makishi PO | 199-1955, 69th Chiang Birthday      | B.OS |
| 163-1953, 3y Money Order Yaeyama PO | 200-1956 Diesel Train               | B.OS |
| 164-1953, 3y Money Order Miyako PO  | 201-1956 Arbor Week                 | B.OS |
| 165-1956, 1y Postal Savings         | 202-1956 13th Youth Day             | B.OS |
- RYUKYU POSTAL STATIONERY**  
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| 166-1952, PC-17-18, FDC & mint      | 203-1954 Tai Stamp Record, 26 pp.    | OS   |
| 167-1952, PC-20-21, FDC & mint      | 204-1955, BOY SCOUT cover, Taiwan BL | B.DO |
| 168-1952, E-4 Air, FDC & mint       | 205-1956, Boy Scout cover, Aug.      | BL   |
| 169-1953, PC-20, 5 Comm. cancels    | 206-Taiwan Revenues, 10 diff.        | BL   |
| 170-1953, PC-19 GRI Bldg dedication | 207-China 47 50c PO Ann FDC          | BL   |
| 171-1953, PC-25-6 FDC & mint        | 208-China 49 Child Day cover         | B.OS |
| 172-1955, E5 Airs FDC & mint        | 209-China 30 Sun Birthday cover      | B.OS |
|                                     | 210-China 26 Chiang Birthday cover   | BL   |
|                                     | 211-Japan, 1888, Free Mail           | BL   |
|                                     | 212-Japan-HK; return, 1955 FF        | BU   |

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- Item BB-1-Left stamp of the pair. Small surcharge with large left zero error variety.**
- Item BB-2-Right stamp of the pair. Small surcharge.**
- Item CCC-100y on 2y centered SW. Vertical pair with small surcharge. (Sold as singles below).**
- Item CC-1-Top stamp of the pair showing large left zero error variety.**
- Item CC-2-Lower stamp of the pair.**
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## And A Happy New Year To "You All".

At the close of a year such as this there seems but little that one can say that has not been said many times over in past years. I think one of the things that most of us can be very thankful for is that we have managed through the great leadership of our President to stay at Peace with the world. The unusual happenings of the past several months have been such as to tax one's patience. A more hot-headed administration might long ago have plunged us into a world war which would be disastrous for the whole world and not for just a few nations alone as in the past.



GEORGE W. LINN

Let us all then be thankful for the leadership which has guided us through these events and let us hope that that leadership will succeed in its present effort to make the United Nations what it was intended to be and that our differences can be settled in a manner that will bring justice to all and may keep the peace here on earth.

For us here at Linn's Weekly Stamp News we are all thankful for the splendid support of the stamp collectors of America who have helped us make this the greatest Philatelic Publication of all time. Our thanks also to the stamp dealers of America who have contributed so much to our success.

We can only assure you that we shall continue as in the past to try to give our best efforts so that our subscription list will continue to grow and thus keep our paper as the one best fitted to help the stamp dealers in their various fields of stamp merchandising.

And a Happy and Prosperous New Year to "You All."

## Let's Clean Up This Mess.

This is an appeal to all collectors and dealers in Florida. It is a known fact that Mr. Weill phoned Mr. Siegel who was in Florida last April and gave him the name of a party who was in possession of a certain lot of stamps which he was offering for sale. It turned out later after the stamps were bought from this party that they were stamps which had been stolen at the A.P.S. show in California and from Mr. Gerber's room in the hotel at Tampa. When these stamps were purchased the buyers had no knowledge that they were stolen stamps. Later some were offered in an auction sale of Mr. Siegel in New York on June 27 and 28. Just a few days prior to this sale a well known Florida dealer spied certain blocks of stamps pictured in the auction catalog and thought they tallied with the stamps stolen at San Francisco. This dealer pondered as to what to do about the matter and since he was expecting a visit at about that time from a man who holds a high position in American philately, he waited till this man came to his home and consulted with him on the matter. On his advice, the dealer telephoned to Mr. Marcel Chagnon, who is a special investigator for the National Board of Fire Underwriters whose clients are various insurance companies. It so happened that it was a client of this Board that had insured these stolen stamps. The case was therefore in their hands. Without doubt, this Board as well as Messrs. Weill and Siegel know from whom the stamps were purchased. Their names should be made known to lift the stigma of suspicion from all other honest collectors and dealers in the state.

We have made every effort to learn who these parties may be but have been refused the names by both Mr. Weill and Mr. Siegel, also by Mr. Chagnon who is in charge of the investigation. The main excuse being that if these names were mentioned it might jeopardize their chances of catching others who may be involved in the matter.

In a letter from Mr. Chagnon we find the following which we wish to quote. "I investigated the Gerber loss and the recovery which you mention in your articles. I interviewed all parties including the persons from whom Siegel purchased the stamps. All the facts have been turned over to the law enforcement agencies interested and the final action, if any, must be taken by them. As far as Mr. Robert Siegel is concerned, he gave us his full cooperation and we have no reason to believe that he knowingly received or attempted to sell any stolen property."

You will note Mr. Chagnon refers to "final action, if any." We feel in justice to the honest stamp people in Florida that there must be some final action which will lift suspicion from the collectors of this state and place it where it belongs. For this reason we urge anyone who may have any knowledge of this matter, to consult with us. Some few weeks ago we had a call from a reporter on the Tampa Tribune who asked us several questions concerning this matter and who mentioned names of Tampa parties who had talked with him on the matter and who, so he said seemed to know quite a bit. We have invited this reporter to give us further information and in event anything has been published in the Tampa papers we hope to receive clippings.

There are several unusual and questionable angles. While in New York at the ASDA show in November we talked with two parties who are concerned and they avoided direct answers and even made the remarks that Florida laws were such that perhaps nothing could be done. They told me that in Florida the law concerning thefts of stolen property were such that after two years, the thieves could not be prosecuted but were at liberty to dispose of their loot. This sounded so ridiculous to me that I consulted with attorneys when I got home and they laughed at me and assured me that there were no such laws in Florida and they doubted if there were in any other state.

Unquestionably, the people who sold these stamps, although they may not be the ones who stole them, and we make no such charge that they are, can give names which can trace the stamps back to the original thieves. It is of course wholly possible that the parties who sold the stamps to Weill and Siegel may be as innocent of any wrong doing as are these men, but without question, proper steps can be taken to get back to the original thieves and no hesitancy on the part of law enforcement officials should keep their names from being made public.

That these thefts of stamps are a serious matter is evident from the fact that Mr. Chagnon states that losses in the past have cost their clients close to a million dollars. This is big business, conducted by skilled thieves and they deserve no better treatment than is usually meted out to common thieves.

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This procedure was changed as of July 1, 1956 by a special money order agreement between this nation and the Ryukyus. Such remittances must now be made by international money orders.

Most post offices do not know of this change. So it is often necessary to give the clerk at the money order window full details in order to avoid future trouble. The Ryukyus philatelic agency will return all remittances in the form of domestic money orders by slow mail.

The first thing to do is to get, from the clerk at the money order window, POD FORM 6701, October 1954, which is a salmon colored form printed APPLICATION FOR INTERNATIONAL MONEY ORDER. Small post offices which do not handle international money order business will not have these forms. This is the only form required at present.

In filling it in, the payee should be PHILATELIC AGENCY, Government of the Ryukyu Islands. The address should be Naha Post Office. The town should be Naha. The country and province are both Okinawa. The country should be Ryukyu Isla. Many clerks will argue that it should be Okinawa. You will find both listings in U.S. post office announcements, but the money order book has the country listed as Ryukyu Islands.

It is probably best to begin by referring the money order clerk to POSTAL BULLETIN No LXXVII dated June 14, 1956, Washington, D.C. 1954, 6-14-56, page 2, where the Bureau of Finance has an announcement addressed to all personnel with the title "Postal Money Order Service to the Ryukyu Islands". This announcement is stuck in the extreme lower left hand corner and clerks in a hurry will often miss it. It is best to get a copy of this Bulletin from the Government Printing Office and carry it with you the first time.

Your troubles are not over yet. The clerk will mail your money order (on yellow paper) direct. You get only the receipt stub. You must give the clerk a 6c airmail stamp so that he can put it on the envelope which is pre-addressed to the international exchange office in San Francisco. From there, it should go to the Ryukyus via airmail at post office expense.

In the old days, no exchange fee was charged for remittance by domestic money orders. Now, in an INSTRUCTION FOR PHILATELIC ORDERS issued by the Ryukyus Philatelic Agency, an item says "Fee of 25 sen (\$0.209) is deducted per dollar or fraction when US-Ryukyus Bilateral Money Order exchange at Ryukyuan Post Office."

The same INSTRUCTIONS also state:

1. Orders must be addressed to Philatelic Agency, Government of the Ryukyu Islands, Naha, Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands.
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The climate in the Ryukyus is excessively humid the year around, so expect damage to gum if you do not take precautions.

Collectors are encouraged to write directly to the Philatelic Agency at the above address to secure a list of stamps currently on sale. Most of the issues are sold out, but there are enough left to make the effort worthwhile. Collectors may request that they be notified of new issues. This is usually accomplished by the Agency sending out notices of new issues by aerogramme.

The Agency will process FDC's provided the persons send their own covers. This often does not work out easily as by the time the person receives the notice of the new issue, it is too late to send the envelopes, except possibly by airmail. However, it is a good idea to place orders, via airmail, for new issues as they come out, as most of them are limited commemorative items.

Old Ryukyu specialists have been working with the Philatelic Agency for years and have had their ups and downs. All have agreed that the Agency is operating well under the circumstances and has been a boon to the collectors. Newcomers to the field will meet difficulties until they get accustomed to the Agency's procedures, but they will find that a little patience goes

## 1957 STAMP PROGRAM

Jan. 11 — 3c Alexander Hamilton, New York, N. Y. (50 per pane 120 million)

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## UNITED NATIONS

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 derful visit from Santa and will  
 have a new year which is filled to  
 overflowing with opportunity and  
 prosperity for you.

1. Manasseh Cutler and Rufus Putnam appeared in the design of what stamp?
2. A stamp for Susan B. Anthony was issued in 1936. What does the B. in her name stand for?

Roy W. Swanson of St. Paul, Minn. sends a story from San Diego, Calif. which is good enough to pass along. It seems that the mail sorters at the post office there found a letter posted by Mrs. Mary E. Erwin which bore three \$1 stamps - it was just a cross town piece of mail.

Inquiry of Mrs. Erwin revealed that she had asked the window clerk for 15 one cent stamps and had been given 15 \$1 ones. Said she didn't pay much attention, just put three of them on the envelope. That clerk was out \$14.85 and what with Christmas bills and all coming on, he, like the rest of us, couldn't afford very well to make that sum up out of his pocket.

From a newcomer to the hobby comes a couple of questions of a simple nature which the more experienced of us are apt to over-look when instructing the philatelic tenderfoot.

One is, "What is a reasonable quantity of covers to send to a first day postmaster for servicing with a new commem?" The POD used to have a limit of ten, but I'd say that as many as fifty could be "reasonable" depending on the person or institution.

The second is, "What is a stuffer?" The stuffer is usually folded paper or light cardboard placed within the envelope. Its purpose is to keep the envelope from becoming creased and torn in the mails, and to provide a backing to gain a better impression of the post-mark.

These should be approximately 1/16 inch less than the inside dimensions of the cover to give the utmost in protection and ease of insertion.

You can make your own, or better yet, have your printer cut several hundred for you out of odd size paper or card stock he has laying around taking up room. The cost should be nominal and certainly worth it to you in better covers.

A fair enough question is sent by William C. Beer of Bucyrus, Ohio. It has probably occurred to others. He writes -

"Scott No. 730 is the 1c Century of Progress souvenir sheet issued for the exhibition and convention of the American Philatelic Society in Chicago in August 1933. Scott No. 766 is the Farley issue of this same souvenir sheet. (Collectors could buy this Farley item in large sheets containing nine of the souvenir sheets). Both are ungunned and imperforate and identical. Not considering the blocks and pairs which have the identifying gutters, the only way the Farley can be distinguished from the original is by the wider margins of the Farleys.

"Now both single stamps and plain blocks of the original C of P souvenir sheet catalog, and are listed by dealers, at a higher figure than the Farley issue.

"How is it possible to tell that your higher priced original sheet single or block is not the cheaper Farley which has been trimmed to the narrow margin of the original?"

The answer is, "You can't!" And this brings up an item for the catalog makers. Their valuations for the Farley items should undergo a revision. They should make the values of the plain single and block the same for the

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Listings should be added under the Farley which gives a price for an identifiable single or block (having the wide selvage). Such a price should be higher than the plain single or block of the original sheet. If not, then all one would need to do to make the higher price piece would be to trim off the extra paper. And that's a little on the nutty side!

Want to urge you to submit your ballots in the 9th Annual Design Derby just as soon as possible. You can clip this ballot, make a facsimile, or write off your nominations on an ordinary postal card.

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**Worst Design**

**Stamp Least Reason To Be Issued**

**Best Design Not Considering Color**

Send this to Carl P Rueth, Linn's Weekly Stamp News, Sidney, Ohio.

For groups I have ballots printed which will be sent to responsible club officers who request a stated quantity on their society stationery. They must enclose a stamped, addressed envelope for their return.

I suggest you put all of this year's stamps on a black background, including the regulars, and then do your choosing. Include the regulars because at least two of them are the equal, in my opinion, of any of the commemors.

Other than that note I believe the rest of the nominations are self-explanatory. If not see last week's U.S. Notes where the matter was covered in detail.

1. The Ordinance of 1787 commem of 1937.
2. Brownell

## George C. Hahn Dies In Auto-Truck Crash

George C. Hahn, 60, Cleveland, Ohio died December 11 as the result of a collision between his car and a truck near Chardon, Ohio. He was a member of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club of Cleveland and had served as its president.

Mr. Hahn was also a member of the American Philatelic Society. He was well known for the quality of his stamp collections which had won trophies on numerous occasions.

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Lead by a color guard from Okinawa's American Legion Post #28, nearly 700 Americans made a pilgrimage by sea from Okinawa to the tiny island of Ie Shima, to take part in a memorial service on the spot where Ernie Pyle was killed in action during World War II. Marching behind the Legion colors is a rifle squad of the 9th Marine Regiment, 3rd U. S. Marine Div., which fired a salute. (U. S. Army Photograph).

## Journalism On Ryukyuan Stamps

Belmont Faries

To the collector of Ryukyus stamps journalism can be a fascinating topical field. The philatelic material is limited. There are two stamps honoring Ryukyuan journalists, associated cachets and first day cancellations, and a scenic cancellation from where a noted American war correspondent was killed in 1946. The complete subject matter can be represented by three covers mounted on an album page. But a little research leads into interesting by-paths of Ryukyuan history from the 1870's to the present.

### Newspaper Week 1953

Newspaper Week, October 1 to 8, has been celebrated in the Ryukyus since 1951. The suggestion came originally from American Civil authorities. A pattern already existed in Japan's National Newspaper Week for which a stamp had been issued in 1949. But the stress from the start was on the native Okinawan press.

By 1953 the observance was well established and the postal authorities agreed to issue a special stamp. The 4 yen sepia commemorative which appeared on October 1 showed a newspaper matrix in the form of a pencil (the Japanese stamp had used a matrix shaped like a pen point) and a portrait of Chofu Ota, the grand old man of Ryukyuan journalism, who died in 1938.

The lettering in Japanese newspaper type on the pencil read, "Third Annual Newspaper Week—Many Programs All Over the Ryukyus". In hand lettering at the top was "Ryukyuan Postage" and "Commemorating Newspaper Week 1953".

Five hundred thousand of the stamps were printed by photogravure in Japan. Covers with a special printed cachet prepared by the Ryukyuan Stamp Club were placed on sale at the main post office building in Naha on the first day of issue. Postal officials provided a red-orange cachet and a special cancellation, and placed in use for the first time "First Day of Issue" killer bars like those used in the United States.

The cachet, in the form of a pen nib, was used the entire eight days of Newspaper Week. The circular cancellation showing a hand holding a torch was used only on the first day.

### Chofu Ota, Educator

Chofu Ota, who is pictured on the stamp, devoted 45 years of his life to Okinawan journalism. Born April 8, 1865 in Shuri City of a well-connected family, he knew as a boy the troubled period when Japan and China contended for the Ryukyus, at that time technically independent under their own king. The pro-Chinese party was dominant and young Ota studied Chinese by day, but at night an old friend of his father instructed him in Japanese and world history. When the Japanese took over the islands and made them a prefecture Ota's father moved to Naha as an official in the new prefectural government.

In 1883 Ota was sent to Tokyo as one of the first group of Ryukyuan students to attend Japanese universities. He returned to Naha in 1892 as a reporter for Ryukyu Shimpo and by 1915 was its chief editor.

To him the chief purpose of a newspaper was to educate the people, and he devoted his life to that end. Though he was a poor man when he died in 1938, he had earned a great reputation as a teacher as well as a journalist.

### Newspaper Week 1954

For the Fourth Annual News-

paper Week in 1954 another stamp was authorized. This one pictured a pen and another noted Ryukyuan journalist, Shigo Toma, former president of Okinawa Asahi Shimbun.

The design was prepared by Masayoshi Adaniya after consultation with a committee of the Okinawa Publishers and Editors Assn., which sponsors the observance. The 4 yen dark blue commemorative was printed by photogravure in (Continued on page 7)

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### Boy Scout Jamboree Cut To Ten Days

Howard T.H. Ang of Puli, Formosa has sent a correction to information which appeared in the edition of November 12 with a cover sent from a Scout Jamboree there.

The 3rd National Jamboree was held at Tah-pee-Hu from October 25 to November 3. Originally scheduled for twelve days, this event was cut to ten.

Mr. Ang states that the round cancellation was applied to the cover by Scouts in Puli as a cachet, while the oval postmark came from the temporary post office set up at the Boy Scout camp.

### JOURNALISM (Continued from page 6)

sheets of 50. The print order was 300,000.

The Ryukyuan Stamp Club again prepared first day covers. Postal officials used the same cachet and cancellation as the year before with only a change in the date. Philatelic sales in 24 countries brought in \$4775 for the Ryukyus Government.

### Shigo Toma, Economist

Mr. Toma, born in Shuri City November 10, 1884, like Mr. Ota was sent to school in Japan. After nine years on Ryukyu Shimo he founded and became president of Okinawa Asahi Shimbun in 1915, at the age of 31.

He was elected to the Japanese Diet in 1930 and made an inspection trip to Hawaii and the United States. When the three local newspapers were merged as Okinawa Shimo-sha in 1940 at the order of the Japanese government Mr. Toma became managing director and later president. He died in 1944 while on a business trip in Japan.

Mr. Toma was best known for his writings on Okinawa economics. His book, "Difficulties in Okinawan Economy and Their Solution", aroused public opinion for an Okinawa rehabilitation plan and set up the policy of protecting local industries such as the production of black sugar, an Okinawan confection.

### Newspaper Week 1956

Although Newspaper Week was held as usual in 1956, plans to mark the occasion philatelicly fell through. Long before this date, publications in Okinawa reported that plans were being made to issue another stamp for the occasion. This information was also carried in the U. S. philatelic press. Although a commemorative stamp was item number one on the agenda of the Sixth All-Ryukyu Newspaper Week program, the post office reported that there was insufficient time to have the stamp printed.

### Ernie Pyle, Reporter

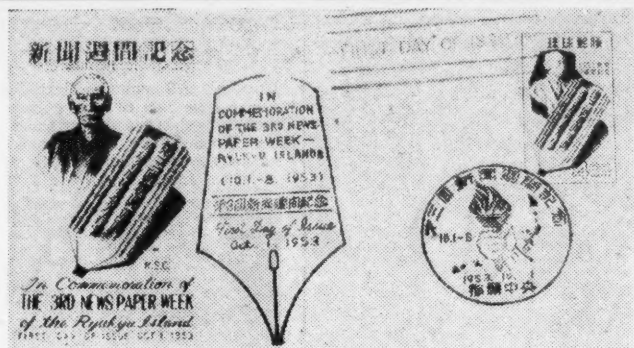
Most interesting of the Ryukyus scenic cancellations is that used April 18, 1952 on Ie Shima, off the northwest coast of Okinawa. It shows a small monument with a sharply rising peak in the background and carries the wording "Ie Shima Okinawa 1952.4.18."

The monument marks the spot where Ernie Pyle, the noted war correspondent, was killed by a sniper's bullet April 18, 1945.

Pyle had been widely read as a Scripps-Howard roving reporter before the war, but his greatest fame came from his dispatches from the European Theater. Writing from the front lines, he conducted a one-man campaign to win acclaim for the foot soldier.

After a brief rest at home he was off for the Pacific, and landed on Okinawa with the First Marine Division. When the 77th Infantry Division was sent to clear tiny Ie Shima of Japanese, Pyle went along.

He was riding toward the front



First day cover of the Newspaper Week commemorative stamp of 1953. The "pen nib" cachet was used on mail the entire week. The special postmark saw use the first day only.

when a by-passed enemy machine gunner opened up. The jeep's occupants hit the ditch. Pyle looked up to see if his friends were safe and three bullets from another burst struck him in the temple.

The 77th Division buried Pyle and marked the spot. Later his body was moved to Okinawa and then to the Punch Bowl National Cemetery in Hawaii.

In 1951 services were held on Ie

Shima by representatives of the Army, Legion, Boy Scouts and the local mayor and people. The next year a number of American groups on Okinawa arranged to purchase the site and have it landscaped as a memorial park. By 1955 Veterans Park was a larger sodded area with gravel paths and park benches.

This year nearly 700 Americans made the trip from Okinawa for the ceremony at the concrete monu-

ment which carries the Statue of Liberty insignia of the 77th Division and words originally suggested by its commanding general for the first simple marker:

"On this spot the 77th Infantry Division lost a buddy, Ernie Pyle, 18 April 1945."

The Ryukyuan Review recently reported that the spot has been named Veteran's Park. On October 31, 1956, American Legion Post 28 made the final payment for the land and received a title of ownership. The Post plans to send the

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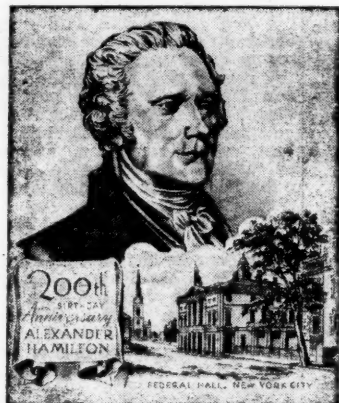
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According to Van G. Leas and James Woodell, two U.S. servicemen stationed there counters were specially opened in the post offices in Tripoli and Benghazi on the first day for stamp sales and the franking of first day covers. Normally post collections on Friday are limited, but for the occasion extra help was put on to handle the heavy demand.

Printed in Egypt, the new stamps were designed by Sayed Fuad Kabazi, Deputy General Manager of the Libyan Public Development and Stabilization Agency. The shape is an upright oblong measuring one and five-eighths inches by one inch.

In 15 and 35 milliemmes — the two denominations most in use for air mail letters to the Arab States and to Europe — the stamps are in four colors with wording in Arabic and English. They show a map of Libya, with Tripoli, Benghazi and Sebha marked as capitals of the three provinces, in light orange color.

Crossed UN and Libyan flags give the meaning to the stamp, and the legend is formed by the date « 14th December 1955-1956 » in Arabic and English. A light blue background round of the map represents the sea, and the green-grey surround shows the adjacent countries. Philatelists remarked that for the first time on a Libyan stamp there is no white border, the design being bounded only by the perforation.

The issue is 250,000 (15 mills) and 350,000 (35 mills). The stamps will be on sale until the end of February and valid for prepayment until June 30th, 1957.

## A British View Of Ryukyu Issues

James Negus

Ryukyuan philately is little known here in Britain at present.

Some few collectors certainly gain much pleasure from Ryukyuan stamps, but the territory cannot be called "popular" with the general mass. This is not peculiar to the Ryukyuan Islands by any means, but is a general comment on the tastes of British collectors.

As is to be expected, the stamps of Great Britain and its Commonwealth and Empire enjoy greatest vogue. Following them in popularity come the Europeans, especially France, Germany, and the Scandinavians. The U. S. is also highly regarded by the collecting public.

The Far East has now a sizeable number of devotees, but it appears even yet to a limited section. China, I should say, is by far the most popular, having a well-established and active Study Group devoted to it (The China Section of the City of London Philatelic Society).

Strangely enough, Japan has not a tenth of its popularity. The reason may well be that many collectors are frightened by the early facsimiles and forgeries even now. (In the same way, Seebeck's shadow still haunts Central America in many collectors' minds.)

The Ryukyus, to the ill-informed, are some sort of U.S.-sponsored "racket". Numbers of writers—particularly W. Dennis Way—have published excellent articles in our press, which should dispel these erroneous ideas.

Typical of the early ignorance of many collectors was the investment expert of a well-known British paper, who wrote on August 26, 1950 about Ryukyu stamps: "... they are locals, have no international franking status, and were prepared by an American expert. If you like locals, without international franking status, and prepared by Americans, collect them by all means. But if you think postage stamps should do postal duty — don't!"

On October 14 the investment expert apologized for his misstatements and the paper ran a detailed survey of Ryukyus 1945-50, which was a powerful stimulus to Stanley Gibbons Ltd to include the country in their important catalogue (which they did beginning with their 1954 edition).

The investment expert did not think very highly of Ryukyus as desirable property, but he may not have been alone in underestimating the astonishing scarcity of some of the First Issue prints, for example. There are signs that Ryukyuan philately is becoming more widely known in Britain. The important Junior Philatelic Society (founded by Fred J. Melville) includes the IRSACS Bulletin in its Lending Library facilities, for example, and includes its contents in the "Index to Current Philatelic Literature".

the only regular index published in Great Britain.

Plans are maturing for a reference collection of Ryukyuan material to be made available to British collectors. Friendly relations have been established between IRSACS and the China Section, the most kindred British group.

There do not seem to be any appropriate stocks of Ryukyuan material in Britain, and few dealers seem to bother with the country. An American collector recently offered a high price in a British magazine for copies of the 100 yen on 2 yen surcharge of 1952, one of the scarcest. I hope he had a good response to his ad, but I rather doubt it.



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## Locomotives Shown On Czech Commems

November 9 was the first day of issue for a set of six commemoratives Czechoslovakia issued for the European Time Table Conference For Freight Services which took place in Prague from November 9 to 13.



These will definitely appeal to the Philatelic Railroaders since each design has a different locomotive used in the nation. Frantisek Hudecek is the designer.

On the 10 haleru dark brown is to be seen a funnel-stack, wood-burner of 1846 named "Zbraslav". The 30h black has a 1855, also with a name, "Kladno".

The remaining four locomotives are identified by numbers. They are 40h dark green, "534.0/1945"; 45h dark red, "556.0/1952"; 60h dark blue, "477.0/1955"; 1 Crown light blue, electric locomotive, 499.0/1955".

Printing was from engraved plates at the Post Printing Office in Prague in sheets of 50. Engravers are Bohdan Roule (10h); Jiri Svengsbir (30h); Jaroslav Goldschmidt (45 and 60h); Jindra Schmidt (40h); Bedrich Housa (1Kcs.)

## 50 Select Topical Articles In Digest

Many collectors find it hard to subscribe to the numerous stamp publications published in this country and abroad. To find specific articles referred to in bibliographies is often very difficult. To fill this need for knowledge, the American Topical Assn. will publish in March 1957 a Topical Digest which will include in useable form the best, most interesting, and most useful articles on topical stamps published in the English language during 1956.

The monumental task of reading over 50 different publications is being done by the Editorial Board: Mrs. Clare McAllister, Harvey E. Johnson and Jerome Husak. Articles in the Digest will cover numerous phases of topical collecting, mounting, write-ups, arrangements, and features on specific topics.

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634 S	.03	645 F	.30	655 S	.76	670 S	.13	683 PS	.72	697 S	.46
634 F	.17	646 S	.13	655 F	.52	671 S	.19	683 A	.56	697 F	.38
634 PS	.06	646 A	.10	655 A	.36	671 F	.10	684 S	.05	697 A	.31
635 S	.10	646 F	.52	655 PS	.26	671 PS	.79	684 A	.03	698 S	1.19
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636 PS	.40	649 F	.12	657 S	.11	673 F	4.76	688 S	.15	700 A	.32
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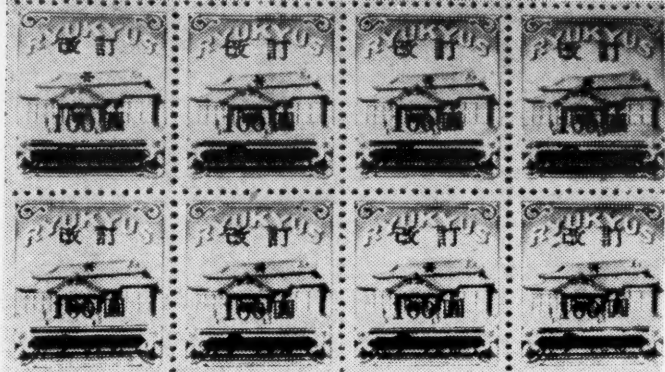
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## Current Market For Ryukyu Stamps Is A Rising One; All Material Greatly In Demand

W. J. Marsh

During the past year, stamps issued by the Ryukyu Islands, Israel, and the United Nations have proven to be profitable investments. As a result, many issues of these areas show a substantial rise in price as soon as they are off sale at the philatelic agencies. Like the UN tenth anniversary issue of October 26, the Dial Telephone set of the Ryukyus which came out on June 8 is now off sale at the Philatelic Agency.

Sales at the Philatelic Agency of the Ryukyus have been so heavy lately that it reports most items out of stock and can offer only material currently available at the ordinary post offices.

There are several reasons for the dearth of Ryukyus material. Most dealers did not stock it until prices had started to go up. The European merchants have suddenly awakened to the fact that they do not have a single stamp of this area which is listed in America, British, Japanese, and European catalogs.

The listing of these issues under the U.S., where they properly belong, by the "American Stamp Catalog", has opened these issues to the huge U.S. market, causing a sharp rise in prices. The stamps are not new to Americans, as several million of them have seen military service on the Islands.

There are normally more advertisements asking for Ryukyu stamps than offering them for sale. Small dealers are holding on to their stocks of new issues instead of trying to get rid of them as in the past.

During 1956 the three early Ryukyus commemoratives, the University, Tree, and Government 3 yen stamps showed a spectacular rise. While the catalogs show them listed at about 50c a copy, they are bringing \$1 each in the retail market today, when obtainable. Only one wholesale dealer was known to have stocked them and he is not selling.

Even the 1950 regulars which began selling retail at 15c a set is now selling near \$1 wholesale. The two newspaper commemoratives which did not show much gain for a year or two, are now going up fast, principally because they are no longer on sale at the Philatelic Agency and several dealers are buying them in quantity.

The most spectacular rise, of course, is the 100 yen surcharged on the 2 yen. This stamp began with a 3c listing in most catalogs. Then it quickly jumped to \$15. The current catalog is \$25. However, dealers are asking \$40 a copy if they have stock, which is seldom. (See illustration).

The popularity of this stamp has made it an object of exploitation by many individuals. Knowing the demand they will advertise it when they get a few copies so that a flood of mail comes in. Then they offer something "better."

A small stamp paper recently carried two separate ads offering a single copy at a fantastic price. Private offers of this stamp in any quantity are usually followed by a letter stating that the person wants to buy and not sell, at the price which the buyer may have offered. Needless to say, if you need this stamp, buy from a well-known dealer and avoid "special" deals.

The Philatelic Agency of the Ryukyu Islands is probably the best place to secure current material. At the time of this writing, it is offering, at face, the following issues: all values of the 1952-3 Historical Sites Series; the 5, 8, 14, 15, 20 yen values of the 1955-6 Art and Culture Series; the 13, 18, 30, 40, 50 yen large airmails; and the 6 yen Ferry, 4y Noguni, and 4y Arbor Day commemoratives.

No mention is made of the 2 yen New Year stamp issued on December 1, 1956 because the 600,000 copies will probably be sold before the year is out. The Dial Telephone stamp is already out and the last three commemoratives will not last long.

In addition to the above source, it is a good idea to check on local

dealers. They often pick up odd lots from returning GIs and are glad to make a quick dollar.

In addition, the Harmer auctions in New York have been carrying lots of blocks of 10, mixed, of the first issue for the past year. The price per lot of 10 sets had been running around \$20 but is now about 10% higher. This issue has

steadily retailed for about \$4 a set because stocks keep coming on the market as the price rises. In a few years, when these are exhausted, the sets will be running around \$10.

A recent article in the Stamp Wholesaler aroused a great deal of interest in the trade. Needless to say, Ryukyus stamps have achieved the enviable status of being a money-maker for both the dealer and the collector, not to say the post office.

## Ravenswood Show In Early February

One of the first pieces of business confronting the new officers of the Ravenswood Stamp Club of Chicago is the arranging for the group's tenth exhibition. This event is scheduled for February 9 and 10 in the Finnish Hall, 4219 Lincoln Ave.

Upon his election to the presidency William Sausman named Byron Bolyard as chairman of the show with Thom Fuerst as assistant chairman. There will be 26 dealers on the bourse and a 110 frame display. As usual there will be free coffee and doughnuts.

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**NEW SEASON'S CATALOGS**  
Faithfully each fall the catalogue publishers bring out their new editions, and quite as faithfully, thousands upon thousands of collectors go through their pages looking for what's new and altered (especially in their favor).

Let's start with the 1957 edition of the Michel, this year in black with gold lettering, much better than last year's pale grey. Editorially there is a bunch of revisions, such as the repeat of watermarks at the head of each country, as well as their inclusion in the body of the listing.

Then new numbers printed, and names of engravers and designers are added as these become known; finally the body of the work has been carefully revised with new footnotes and other details to achieve still more completion.

Finally, and most importantly, are the price rises. In several instances—Saar and West Berlin in particular—these have been notable (not to say sensational), and I think it is best to summarize them in the form of a table.

I thought about adding Scott numbers and prices, but as the new catalogs will be in your hands before this appears in print, I leave you to make your own comparisons. The descriptions should tell you what's what.

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I think the moral is clear from these two extracts—a truly spectacular increase in Saar prices of all kinds, in fact most items nearly doubled, and a more modest rise in West Berlin, with the star items constant or nearly so, but interest concentrated in the obvious singles and sets.

For the purpose of conversion, you can count about 6DM catalog value to \$1 retail. So if you have a complete mint Saar collection from 1945, you can estimate that its value has nearly doubled. The catalogue quote in 1955 was 504DM approximately (\$85 for a straight mint collection); this year the same material is rated at 1152DM (nearly \$200).

### PHOTO PROOFS OFFERED

The German Federal Printing Office is offering to sell photographs not only of its issued stamps, but also of a range of essays which have been submitted by stamp artists in response to invitations. This is made quite clear in a series of broadsheets which that administration has released, and which in their turn reproduce cuts made from the original drawings.

But for specially interested parties, the German P.O. is willing to supply glossy photographs of the sketches, showing every detail, printed in quarter-plate paper, and reduced to 1 1/4 size of the issued format. If you are a specialist collector of Germany, I certainly advise you not to miss out on these photographs, of which only very small stocks can be made available.

Issues affected are the Thomas Mann single (13 designs), the stamp for Maria Lach Abbey's 800th anniversary (5 designs), the pair of the Evangelical Synod (9 designs), the commemorative for 77th German Catholics Day (5 designs) and for the International Police Exhibition, Essen (19 designs). The total price for the set of 51 photos is \$20. Any serious collector interested should contact R. Y. Megan at 41 Charlwood Street, London S.W.1, England, and the necessary arrangement will be made.

### WILL EAST GERMANY INTRODUCE SOVIET ISSUE SYSTEM?

More disturbing news from the German Democratic Republic. My correspondent (who has, as ever, his ear close to the ground, or rather close to the Central Philatelic Committee) now understands

that the Soviet system of "spread distribution" of stamps will be introduced into East Germany. This system has been in use for some time in the USSR, and it can only be worked with long sets.

The principle is to break up the sets and place them for sale in such a manner that no one district of the country ever has a complete series at its post offices. Thus, if you have a six value set—5, 10, 20, 35, 40 and 60pf—you will find all except the 5pf in Berlin, all except the 10pf in Leipzig, all except the 20pf in Halle, and so on.

No collector will ever be able to get a complete set except by travelling throughout the length and breadth of the land, or alternatively obtaining his supplies via a central trading organization.

What, of course, the Germans have not counted on is the existence of a considerable private stamp trade, which no longer obtains in the USSR. Thus German dealers locally can very quickly memorative for the UNO 10th anniversary to be shifted from one part of the country to the other and thus frustrate the scheme, even though the stamps in the long run may cost a few coppers more.

Frankly, the whole idea is too foolish for words. I wonder what they are trying to achieve?

### SWISS EXTEND "INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES" SERIES

Doomed are the overprinted sets used by Switzerland for conveying the mails of the international agencies—member organizations of the United Nations—situated at Geneva. A year ago, the "European Office" stamps were taken off sale and replaced by attractive new definitives plus a single commemorative.

Now the "International Labor Office" set is doomed, for it is being replaced by an attractive six-value one which appeared on October 22 together with another six stamps for a unit which previously had no issue of its own, the World Meteorological Organization.

Swiss designers and engravers have again made an excellent job of these newcomers; Hans Thoni designed, and Karl Bickel engraved the International Labor Office series, three values of which show two miners from the Albert Thomas monument in Geneva. The other three are devoted to an abstract composition of a driving wheel and rope surrounding the globe, and attached to a smoking factory chimney. It is simply called an allegory of industrial work.

As for the Meteorological Office series, here of course, things were a great deal easier. The symbols of wind and weather (sun, cloud, rain and snow) were skilfully combined on one design, whilst the well known weather vane and wind speed indicator serve on the other. Designer was Donald Brun with lettering by Eric Poncy, engraver being Albert Yersin.

Of course, no printings are notified, but I would suggest at any rate to stock up on the previous I.L.O. (overprinted) set, if you are a United Nations fan. You know how things have moved with UNO stamps. The "European Office" of the United Nations' overprints had small editions, about the 150,000 mark, and that does not go very far if you consider how many of these stamps are actually being used on the official mails.

Naturally, the Swiss post office philatelic service will see to it that you get your sets in its usual efficient manner.

### DEAD MEN'S SHOES?

Professor Wilhelm Dachauer, one of Austria's most talented stamp designers, died in 1951. The last stamp which has been published to come from his drawing board was the Kienzl commemorative of Austria, released in October 1953. Now however his name will be revived because the 1956 Stamp Day single (December 1956) will again show one of his designs. This is a symbolical motif which he prepared a year or two before his death, and is being engraved by Hans Ranzoni. The combination promises well after some of the unhappy experimentation in which Austria has indulged lately.

Post Offices often keep unaccepted drawings in store for long periods of time and usually only the artists and authorities involved know anything about them. Any amount of experimental work is going on all the time and sometimes it is wise not to publish details before actual issue. Thus I know that four flower stamps in continuation of the popular 1948 set have been ready engraved for a long time, and that experiments in printing them in multi-color recess have also been carried out by the Vienna State Printing Office. But as yet they remain unpublished.

I am told that this set is even more attractive than the 1948 which created a sensation on their appearance, and were imitated all over the world.

Another set of designs lying dor-

mant in the Austrian post office files is a series of attractive landscape stamps by Prof. Pfeffer, which were originally called for when the current Costumes definitives were in preparation. That is nearly nine years ago, and the drawings were published in the Austrian Post Office Centenary book of 1950 as accepted for eventual issue. So there is the next set of Austrian Permanent stamps, when the powers-that-be are tired of the Costumes. But as yet, they do not feel the moment is ripe for a change.

### ZUMSTEIN'S NEW EDITIONS

Early in September the new Zumstein catalogs were issued from Berne. There was nothing sensational except the price changes in the Europe section, but the specialized Switzerland-Liechtenstein part (the first edition in four years) brought some useful novelties. This really is the best catalogue for the two countries involved, and as the preface states, it had been decided to prepare for appearance also a fourth edition of the Zumstein "Handbook" of Switzerland-Liechtenstein, which is the encyclopaedia and absolute last word on the subject. However (and not surprisingly) the work of revision and re-editing took much more time than was at first expected, and the Handbook will have to wait until next year before its new edition can be tackled.

These Zumstein catalogs are not cheap. The Europe costs \$3.50, the specialized edition \$3 per volume, and incidentally the new Michel is priced at \$3.75. These figures are high for European scales, though I do not really see much cause for complaint. Collectors blissfully spend such sums as these on stamps, and then complain when they have to lay out a dollar or two for literature.

What is more, the editors seem acutely conscious of this attitude for an apology is prefaced to the Specialized edition stating the reasons for asking what appears a high price for small volumes. I feel editors should not be so sensitive. Their catalogs give excellent value for the money and if collectors lose money by selling under obsolete prices, then it serves them right.

### Jap New Year Stamp Pictures Toy Whale

A floating toy whale graces the 1957 New Year stamp which Japan issued on December 20. This 5 yen item is printed by photogravure in a quantity of six million. It will also appear in the souvenir sheet to be awarded as a prize in the national lottery.



On December 18 Japan released a commemorative which publicizes the nation's Floating Machinery Fair. Placed on a ship which will call at ports throughout southeast Asia are various products of domestic industry.



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## The Ryuku Islands Sweet Potato Commemorative

R. P. Alexander

Some three-and-a-half centuries ago the sweet potato arrived in the Ryukyus from its original home in America. On November 26, 1955 the Ryukyus post office issued a stamp to commemorate the 350th anniversary of the introduction of the sweet potato by the Okinawan Envoy, Noguni Sokan.

This incident is reported in the volume on "Genealogy of the Family of Noguni" as follows: "In the time of Wan Li, Noguni was appointed Sokan and went to Ming (China). Having entirely fulfilled his official duties, he returned in 1605 after taking note of the 'foreign potato.' Remembering that typhoons damaged his native land every year and caused famines, he brought seedlings and planted them in the villages of Chatan.

"Masatsune learned the art of cultivating the sweet potato from Noguni and taught it throughout the land. The introduction of the potato is certainly to Noguni's credit."

Noguni's tomb is located in Nakagami, near Kadena, in the central part of Okinawa. The tomb is in a cave which was cut out of rock. A stone altar was erected there in 1700 and a tablet in 1751. The stone tablet is in the form of a natural slab. It has Chinese inscriptions on both sides. The obverse records the History of Noguni and the reverse, that of his descendants. This shrine is still an object of worship in Okinawa today.

An entry dated June 19, 1615 in the Diary of Richard Cocks, the chief of the English factory at Hirado, states, "I took a garden this day and planted it with potatoes brought from Liqueua (Ryukyu), a thing not yet planted in Japan."

Some 60 to 70 years after the introduction of the sweet potato to the Ryukyus, a Japanese from Satsuma became acquainted with the sweet potato while traveling in Okinawa and brought back seeds for planting in Japan. After his death in 1705, his tomb became known as the KARA IMO DEN or the Chinese potato palace.

A press release of the Philatelic Agency states that Noguni Sokan brought the sweet potato from China in 1605 and that Chigashira Soshi and Noguni Seiko built a monument in his honor in 1700.

It pointed out that the sweet potato had become the staple food of Okinawa, since it often alleviated the famines caused by the destruction of rice crops by typhoons.

Specialists interested in further research in connection with this interesting stamp are referred to an excellent work in Volume XLII part II, 1914, of the Transactions of the Asiatic Society of Japan by Dr. Edmund Simon entitled "The Introduction of the Sweet Potato into the Far East."

The stamp itself, a 4 yen steel blue, is very appealing. It depicts the Noguni Sokan Shrine as it stands today. This shrine had fortunately escaped the ravages of war, as U.S. forces had landed close by. It stands near the coast facing the China Sea at a spot which is supposed to be the exact place where Noguni landed on Okinawa with the precious seedlings. Descendants of these seedlings are shown on the left frame of the stamp.

This theme was carried out in both the cancellation and the cachet of the First Day Cover. The usual circular cancellation depicted a junk in full sail heading for the Okinawa shore. Obviously loaded with the tubers. This was done in a burnt sienna, very much the color of the sweet potato.

The cachet in blue featured the same ship in a circle nestling against a Torii. Special ceremonies were held to mark this day, November 26, 1955, when the stamp was issued. It brought back to the people of the Ryukyus memories of the days when the Kingdom of the Ryukyus held court with its powerful neighbors and sent its trading fleet far away to the south seas.



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The "El Boletin" is the name of the New Mexico Precancel Club's monthly sheet. Mailed this month with a pair of 1c Prexys from Tularos, N.M. type U-120n. The New Mexico count is 68 towns and 3 types. The latest town is Holloman Air Force Base. These offices have a tendency to disappear sometimes and if you are offered one at a reasonable price better buy it. Lillis M. Fisher, 706 N. Lea Ave., Roswell, N.M. is the secretary of this group.



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A 5c stamp to support the National Wildlife Conservation will be issued during April. The design will show the Common Loon.

In June, another 5c will be issued to honor explorer David Thompson.

**COLOMBIA.** St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Patron Saint of Bogota was honored on November 19, on two stamps of the same design. An altar in a local cathedral and the tomb of Gonzal Jimenez de Quesada, founder of Santa Fe de Bogota, is shown in the design. One, a 5c magenta is for regular mail and the other, a 15c brown, is for airmail.

Two 5c values, one brown for airmail and the other blue for regular postage were recently issued. Both stamps mark the fourth centenary of the founding of the Jesuit Order and show a portrait of St. Ignacio de Loyola.

**DOMINICAN REP.** On December 15 eight stamps were issued to commemorate the Olympic Games held in Melbourne. The values are: 1c (flag of Netherlands—Fanny Blankers-Koen); 2c (flag of U.S.A.—Jesse Owens); 3c (flag of Japan—Kitei Son); 5c (flag of England—Lord Burghley); 7c (flag of U.S.A.—Bob Matthias).

Airmail values are: 11c (flag of Finland—Paavo Nurmi); 16c (flag of Italy—Ugo Frigerio); 17c (flag of U. S. A.—Mildred Didrickson).

Two miniature sheets will be issued along with the set. One sheet will contain the five postage values, and the other will have the three airmails. They will be issued both perf and imperf.

**FINLAND.** To commemorate the 200th anniversary of the public health service, a 30 markka stamp was issued on December 17.

**PHILIPPINES.** The 6c "coat-of-arms" stamps of the cities of Cebu, Zamboanga, and Iloilo have been surcharged 5c and were placed on sale on December 7.

**SWEDEN.** A 20 ore stamp was issued on December 15 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Swedish Postal Museum in Stockholm. The design shows the front of the Museum. (See story of Museum in November 12 and 19 editions of Linn's).

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The native name for the huge  
island of **Borneo** has always been  
Pulau Kalimantan, but a Mercator's  
chart of 1595 gives to the town  
of Brunei as well as the whole  
island, the name "Borneo". Early  
writers spell the name of the is-  
land variously, Brunei, Brunai,  
Brune, Borney, Bornei, Borne and  
Burni; from these variations upon  
the theme of one word, two words  
eventually crystallized - "Brunei"  
and "Borneo".

As recently as 100 years ago,  
Brunei territory was always refer-  
red to as "Borneo Proper". The  
fact is that at the time of the  
earliest cartographers and medi-  
eval writers on geography, the king-  
dom of Brunei was at its zenith;  
the terms "Brunei" and "Borneo"  
were synonymous and the entire  
island was subject to the dominion  
of Brunei!

The subsequent history of Brunei  
brings to mind a remark attributed  
to the former communist dictator  
of Hungary, Matyas Rakosi, whose  
portrait appears on Hungary, Scott  
Nos. 987-9. When asked during the  
course of an interview how he had  
accomplished the feat of making  
himself absolute ruler of his coun-  
try, he candidly admitted having  
used "salami tactics". He explained  
this to mean that he had taken  
away the powers and privileges  
of political opponents of all shades  
a little slice at a time until there  
was nothing left!

Over the centuries, Brunei has  
been given as thorough a "salami"  
treatment as any country. But let  
us first go back to the days be-  
fore Brunei's power was at its  
peak. The meager written records  
do not go further back than the  
first Mohammedan sultan, con-  
temporaneous with the introduction  
of the Arabic script in the 15th cen-  
tury.

For records of the pre-Muslim  
era we have to turn to Hindu and  
Chinese chroniclers. Chinese annals  
of the 6th and 7th centuries con-  
tain reference to a kingdom known  
as Poli or Puni which sent tribute  
to the Emperors of China. Similar  
references to a state of that  
name occur in the records of the  
Sung dynasty which ruled over  
South China from about 960 to 1280  
and there are strong grounds for  
identifying it with Brunei.

With the decline of the Sung dy-  
nasty Brunei transferred its allegi-  
ance to the Hindu Majapahit Em-  
pire of Java, then back again to  
China, and finally at the end of the  
14th century paid tribute to Mo-  
hammedan Malacca.

With the coming of the Ming Em-  
perors the ties with vassal states  
were strengthened and more trib-  
utes were sent to China several  
times between 1405 and 1425, and  
that is where the records end. But  
it is clear that Brunei must soon  
have thrown off all allegiance for  
by the early years of the 16th cen-  
tury, it held sway over a remark-  
able area.

Some of Brunei's sultans of this  
period were little more than glori-  
fied pirates while others had repu-  
tations as fearless sea captains and  
explorers of a more benevolent  
bend. Besides ruling over the en-  
tire island of Borneo, Brunei's  
rulers organized successful expedi-  
tions and made conquests in Java,  
Malacca and the Philippines and  
their sovereignty extended over  
thousands of small islands in the  
Sulu archipelago. At one point they  
even seized Manila!

It was probably during the life-  
time of Sultan Bulkiah that Pigafet-  
ta, the Italian historian of Magel-  
lan's voyage around the world,  
visited Brunei and wrote the first  
eye-witness account in which he  
bore evidence to the splendor of  
the court and the size of the town  
and the population which he esti-  
mated at 25,000 families.

It is related that this ruler dur-  
ing his declining years carried with  
him on his exploits a group of  
artisans whose duty it was to pre-  
pare befitting royal tombs in re-  
mote parts of his domain, it being  
his wish, should he die at sea, to  
be buried at the nearest site. The  
finest of these tombs, at Kota Batu,  
about 1 1/2 miles downstream from  
Brunei Town, is said to contain  
Sultan Bulkiah's remains.

Unfortunately, it bears the scars  
of Spanish cannonballs that date  
back to the 17th century and the  
engravings of exquisite workman-  
ship carved on hard basaltic stone  
remain largely a secret to poster-  
ity.

Kublai Khan, the Mongol con-  
queror, is known to have sent an  
expedition from China to the east-  
ern archipelago in 1292 and it is  
more than probable that this was

the origin of the Chinese colony in  
northern Borneo. According to the  
world traveler Marco Polo there  
was a considerable junk-carried  
trade between Brunei and China.  
In Brunei to this day, the tradition-  
al ceremonies, the royal procedures  
and the nomenclature of state of-  
ficials all show both Hindu and  
Chinese influences.

The Hindu influence emanated  
from the aforementioned Majapahit  
Empire and according to Javanese  
records a force expelled Sulu  
marauders from Brunei in 1368  
and Brunei is also mentioned as  
one of the countries conquered dur-  
ing the reign of the last king to  
reign over Majapahit before it was  
vanquished by Malacca.

The Portuguese first visited  
Brunei in 1526 and confirmed the  
glowing account of Pigafetta. Fur-  
ther visits were paid by the Portu-  
guese until 1530, and a trading sta-  
tion and a Catholic mission were  
established by that great race of  
seafarers at the beginning of the  
next century. Naturally, the other  
major powers of the day soon be-  
came jealous and Spain, having  
possession of the Philippines, evinced  
an active interest in  
Brunei affairs and twice attacked  
the capital.

Later, both the **British and Dutch**  
made sporadic appearances. To-  
wards the end of the 16th century  
the power of Brunei began to de-  
cline and the outlying territories  
gradually to fall away. The capital  
itself degenerated to the condition  
of a **slave market** for the sale of  
the unfortunate captives of local  
pirates.

The Dutch, first having estab-  
lished trading posts on the South-  
west, South and East coasts of the  
island of Borneo rapidly extended  
their sphere of influence over the  
semi-independent but nominally  
vassal sultanates. (The major por-  
tion remained in Dutch possession  
until shortly after World War—in-  
terrupted, of course, by the war-  
time Japanese occupation, when  
the Dutch Indies, including most of  
Borneo, reappeared on the map as  
the Republic of Indonesia, fifth-  
largest country in the world).

The disintegration of the King-  
dom of Brunei continued until by  
the beginning of the 19th century  
it had dwindled to include only  
what is now Sarawak and part of  
North Borneo. At that point in his-  
tory the "salami" tactics became  
really bold and in one of our very  
next columns we shall discuss how  
Brunei, still sizeable though great-  
ly reduced in area, was gradually  
whittled down to its present ter-  
ritory, so small in size that it is  
rather hard to pinpoint on the map.

#### TOTALLY DESTROYED (Continued from page 1)

the invasion. All 56 post offices on  
the island ceased to function, and  
many were completely destroyed  
along with all postal records.

In addition more than 90 percent  
of all other buildings in Southern  
Okinawa were reduced in the heavy  
fighting for this part of the island.  
Of all the military engagements of  
World War II, few were so com-  
pletely devastating as those fought  
in Southern Okinawa. By July 1,  
1945 all vestige of government had  
disappeared and all forms of civil-  
ian communication had become  
non-existent.

This was the situation that faced  
the American Military Government  
at the end of hostilities. Official  
records indicate pre-invasion plans  
had been formulated by the Mil-  
itary Government for the purpose of  
restoring the communication facili-  
ties for the civilian population as  
soon as practicable. Attempts were  
made to reestablish these services  
during the actual fighting, although  
the ferocity of the combat, and  
the complete destruction of the  
physical facilities, greatly impeded  
the progress of the program.

No sooner had the war ended  
than the Military Government was  
dealt a crippling blow by the un-  
usually severe typhoon of October  
9, 1945 which destroyed large quan-  
tities of equipment and supplies  
slated for use in civilian recon-  
struction projects, and forced post-  
ponement of major rehabilitation  
programs for many weeks.

The importance of restoring civil-  
ian communication services was  
reflected by the results secured  
from careful surveys conducted  
under the direction of Naval Mil-  
itary Government teams at the  
main civilian refugee compound,  
located at Ishikawa. The findings  
of the surveys indicated that 95  
percent of the male and 89 percent  
of the female population were  
literate, and many in more than  
one language.

It was also learned that the post-  
al service was important as a  
means of communication with  
Okinawan relatives and friends,  
who formed a large emigrant group  
distributed widely throughout the  
Pacific area, in South America,  
and in Japan.

Early in January 1946 the Mil-  
itary Government authorities under-  
took the project of restoring gov-  
ernmental facilities, and re-es-  
tablishing communications, by spon-  
soring a civilian government for

Okinawa. Various departments  
were formed including a Depart-  
ment of Postal Affairs.

By the end of July 1946, 34 civil-  
ian post offices had been reestab-  
lished on Okinawa, and five trucks  
allotted for use in handling the  
mail. By the end of the year 48  
post offices were operating in  
Okinawa. Over 85 percent of the  
number of post offices that had ex-  
isted prior to the American in-  
vasion had been rebuilt within a  
period of 16 months following the  
end of the war.

Expansion of the entire postal  
system depended directly upon the  
quantity of building materials and  
supplies available to fulfill the  
planned reconstruction program.  
Although this program was imple-  
mented as rapidly as possible,  
acute shortages of vital building  
materials and supplies, required to  
operate new postal facilities, neces-  
sitated constant revision of pro-  
posed construction and expansion.

During August 1946 designs were  
approved by the Department of  
Postal Affairs for postage stamps  
to be used only for domestic Okina-  
wan mail, although the stamps  
were not actually placed in use  
until 1948. Prior to the issuance  
of regular postage stamps, hand-  
stamped Japanese stamps and a  
FEE P/D system were employed  
by the postal service in Okinawa.

The volume of mail increased  
rapidly as the newly restored mail  
service was expanded. During No-  
vember 1946 four shipments, total-  
ing 11,052 letters and 55 parcels,  
were sent to Japan from Okinawa.  
In December 1946 letters and 37  
parcels were sent to Japan, while  
4739 letters and three parcels were  
received from Japan. Nearly twice  
as much mail was dispatched from  
Okinawa as was received. Undoubt-  
edly a large percentage of the  
heavy mail sent to Japan was des-  
tined for Okinawan relatives, ap-  
pealing for assistance in recover-  
ing from the effects of the war.

Postwar postal service on the  
local, or village level in Okinawa  
was resumed soon after each of  
the larger villages were reestab-  
lished. Most usually the FEE PAID  
system was employed by the local  
postmasters during the months im-  
mediately following the close of  
hostilities; until such time that  
postal supplies became available  
for use. In certain cases involving  
villages, where the citizenry had  
little or no currency available for  
use in prepayment of postal fees,  
the mail was carried free in Mil-  
itary Government vehicles until the  
situation could be rectified.

An example of the manner in  
which the village postal service  
functioned in Okinawa is exem-  
plified by Oroku village, located some  
three miles south of Naha on a ma-  
jor north-south highway. The  
original Oroku village was destroyed  
completely during the invasion.  
The new village was relocated and  
rebuilt in the spring of 1946 on an  
abandoned U. S. Engineer company  
area, which enabled the Military  
Government to utilize structures  
built by the engineers for housing  
the villagers being returned to the  
area. A few of the buildings were  
reserved for use by the local gov-  
ernment.

The postal service itself was ini-  
tially housed in the same building  
serving as headquarters for the  
police department, the telephone  
office, and the local first aid sta-  
tion. Villagers were selected to  
operate the post office under the di-  
rect supervision of the Military  
Government. All mail was re-  
ceived and dispatched by truck,  
usually whenever new groups of  
returning refugees arrived in Mil-  
itary Government vehicles. There  
was no local pickup and delivery  
service.

All mail was posted at the post  
office and received from the post-  
al attendants on duty. The pri-  
mary purpose of the postal facili-  
ties during the early months of  
the occupation was generally con-  
fined to handling letters and parcels,  
while additional services, common  
to the postal administration, were  
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